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them on a priority basis. If you do not concur, it is suggested that the Office of Security discuss this problem with NSA and suggest whatever alternatives appear feasible and appropriate.

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COMMENTS BY DIRECTOR OF SECURITY:

I feel obliged to recommend against DCI concurrence in CIA investigating 67 linguists who, regardless of CIA interest, will, in fact, be NSA employees. My objections are based on both policy and practical reasons. I believe that this Agency could be accused of getting into the internal security business by investigating people for another government agency. This matter is now particularly sensitive inasmuch as the DCI is aware that NSA investigative and clearance procedures are currently "under fire" by both Congressional Committees and possibly the Department of Defense. For practical reasons, this Office has now a peak load of investigations, and this additional task is more than we could meet

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COMMENTS BY DIRECTOR OF SECURITY (continued):

without interfering with purely Agency work. OSI of the Air Force and CIC of the Army have vastly bigger investigative resources which, if given proper priority through the Defense Department, could accomplish this task in a very short time.

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